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## MEXICAN DRUG DEALER SENTENCED FOR ATTEMPTING TO SELL \$137,000 WORTH OF METH

- Illegal alien had a 9 mm Baretta

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **SALVADOR GOMEZ-PRIETO** a/k/a **ALEJANDRO BONILLA-YANES**, age 26, of 2711 Gleeson Lane, Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, **was sentenced** in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

Jennifer B. Coffman, Judge, United States District Court, sentenced **Gomez-Prieto** to 8 years and 4 months, plus 5 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system**.

Gomez-Prieto, an illegal alien who is subject to deportation following his sentence, pled guilty and admitted on or about November 21 and December 13, 2005, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, he knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute 1.37 kilograms of methamphetamine, worth approximately \$137,000 on the street. He also pled guilty to being in possession of a 9 mm Baretta handgun during these transactions.

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On November 20, 2005, a confidential source (CS) contacted **Gomez-Prieto** to arrange for

the purchase of 1 pound of methamphetamine in exchange for \$16,000. On November 21, 2005, the

CS met Gomez-Prieto in the parking lot of a Home Depot store in Louisville, where he/she gave

him \$16,000 in exchange for a pound of methamphetamine.

On December 13, 2005, the **Gomez-Prieto** contacted the CS to inform him/her that he had

2 pounds of methamphetamine for sale. That same day, **Gomez-Prieto** drove to the same Home

Depot parking lot with the 2 pounds of methamphetamine. Shortly after arriving at the Home Depot,

Gomez-Prieto exited his vehicle and was immediately arrested. A search of Gomez-Prieto's

vehicle revealed 2 pounds of methamphetamine and a 9 mm Baretta in the driver's side door

compartment.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel P. Kinnicutt, and it was

investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Drug Enforcement

Administration.

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